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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1136

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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJ: MALAYSIA-77 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON SHIP AT LABUAN, SABAH

1. ACCORDING "NEW STRAITS TIMES", LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWS-PAPER, SEVENTY-SEVEN REFUGEES ARRIVED LABUAN, ISLAND OFF NW COAST OF SABAH, WEEK OF AUGUST 24. REFUGEES ARE CONFINED TO SHIP WHICH IS UNDERGOING REPAIRS.

2. DURING WEEK AUG 24 EMBASSY TWICE INQUIRED MFA RE STATUS REFUGEES. EACH TIME REPLY WAS "AS YET NO INFO RECEIVED FROM MALAYSIAN IMMIGRATION AT LABUAN."

3. A 31 AUG (SUNDAY, MALAYSIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY) 1800 HOURS. CAPT. CAMBLIN, CLARK AFB, 13TH AF DP CTR (TEL. 21241) TELEPHONED EMBASSY TO REPORT U.S. CITIZEN ON LABUAN IDENTITY UNKNOWN HAD CALLED SAYING BOAT WITH SEVENTY-SEVEN REFUGEES WAS PUTTING OUT TO SEA FOR SUBIC BAY. SHIP DID NOT HAVE NAVIGATIONAL GEAR AND WAS REQUESTING U.S. NAVY MEET AND ESCORT TO SUBIC.  
B. 1820 HOURS, EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER PHONE POLICE HQ, LABUAN.

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OIC POLICE REPORTED BOAT WAS AT LABUAN BEING REPAIRED WHICH WOULD

TAKE ABOUT THREE MORE DAYS. EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER INFORMED CAPT. CAMBLIN, CLARK AFB.

4. A. 1 SEPT (HOLIDAY) 0615. TALKED WITH MR. ANTIPPAS IATF, WASHDC WHO SAID AMERICAN ON LABUAN WAS MR. DAVID (TEL. 540). ANTIPPAS REQUESTED DETAILS ON REFUGEES.

B. 0635 HOURS. TELEPHONE MR. DAVID WHO GAVE FOLLOWING INFO.

1. SEVENTY-SEVEN REFUGEES LEFT SVN BY BOAT 1 AUG.
2. THERE ARE 12-13 HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD.
3. LEADER IS FORMER LT. COMMANDER, SVN NAVY WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH U.S. FORCES, SVN. OTHERS IN GROUP INCLUDE ENGINEERS, TEACHERS, DOCTOR (CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER BIER HOA PROVINCE), AND LOWER RANKING MILITARY.

C. AT THIS POINT TELEPHONE LINES TO LABUAN WENT DEAD AND ACCORDING MALAYSIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS WILL NOT BE RESTORED UNTIL LATE AFTERNOON 1 SEPT AT EARLIEST.

D. EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER TELEPHONE DETAILS PARA 4B TO ANTIPPAS, WASHDC.

5. WE WILL REPORT ADDITIONAL INFO AS AVAILABLE.  
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